

My Blogs

Every user on Learn360 is given one blog. A blog can be shared and there is no limit to the number of blog posts. Blogs are a great way for teachers to interact with students and their classes. Teachers can use their blog to post homework assignments, projects, and other class information. Students have the ability to post comments on each others work; improving literacy and learning. Blogs can also be used among educators to foster professional development and further discussion among departments, divisions, and the administration.

To Add New Blog Post:

- Click on the **My Learn360** link. You will then see eight different tabs (below).

The screenshot shows the Learn360 user interface. At the top, the Learn360 logo is on the left, and a welcome message 'Welcome, Bob Smiths | Help | Logout Quizzes(6)' is on the right. Below the logo is a navigation bar with tabs: 'My Content', 'My Favorites', 'My Blogs' (which is highlighted), 'My Groups', 'My Questions', 'My Quizzes', 'My Assignments', and 'My Calendar'. To the left of the main content area is a sidebar with a 'My Learn360' section containing links to 'Quizzes(6)', 'Distributed Assignments (4)', and 'Distributed Quizzes (2)'. The main content area has a '+ Instructions' section and a 'My Blog' section. The 'My Blog' section lists five blog entries: 'Dan's Blog', 'Mike's Blog', 'Test Post', 'My First Blog', and 'Iowa Core Curriculum'. Each entry has 'Edit' and 'View' links. To the right of the 'My Blog' section is a '+ New Blog Post' link. Below the 'My Blog' section is a 'My Favorite Blogs' section, which currently lists 'Kari Smith's Blog' with a 'View' link. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with links to 'Help Center', 'Contact Us', 'Partners', and the phone number '1-877-279-4090'.

- Select the **My Blogs** tab (seen above).
- Under the My Blogs section click **+ New Blog Post**.
- This will take you to a page that looks like this:

My Learn360
Return to My Learn360

Add New Post

Title:

Body:

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Design HTML
Publish Cancel

- Once you have reached this page you may start blogging.
- There are two different ways to design your blog post.
- Most teachers prefer to blog using Design. To blog in this format click on the **Design button**.



- Blogging in the Design format allows users to add a personalized touch to their blog post.
- Some of the features in this format include: changing the font and color of the text, adding a web link and/or images to the blog post.

The following are a few examples of the different options users have to blog in the Design format:

- To change the color of your text, highlight the text.

- Once your text is highlighted click on the drop down bar next to Black.



- Once you click the button a drop down menu will appear with all the different colors you can choose from for your text (shown below).



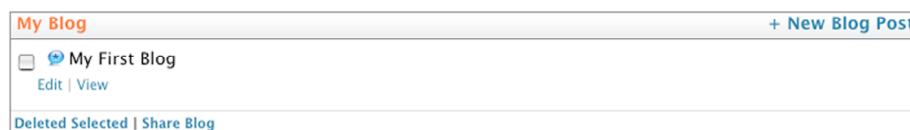
- From here click on the color of your choice and your text will automatically change to that color (To change the body, font or size of your text you will follow the same steps).
- To insert a web link, click on the **Earth/Link** icon.



- Once you click this button a menu will appear prompting you to enter the URL link you would like to add to your blog.
- Type in the link you would like to add; then click the **OK** button.

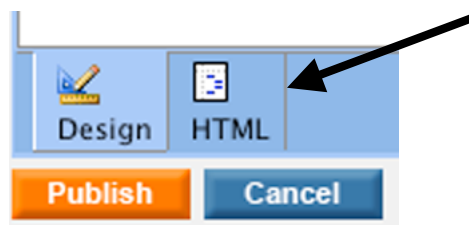


- Once you have finished blogging, click on the **Publish** button located on the bottom left.
- After you have published your blog post successfully, it will appear on your My Learn360 page under the **My Blogs** section.



From here you may edit, view, delete or share your blog post with others.

- The other way to blog is by HTML. To blog in HTML click on the **HTML** next to the **Design** button.



- From here you may start blogging.
- Once you have finished blogging click on the **Publish** button located on the bottom left.
- If you decide you do not want your blog published, click the **Cancel** button.
- After you have published your blog post successfully, it will appear on your **My Learn360** page under the **My Blogs** section.

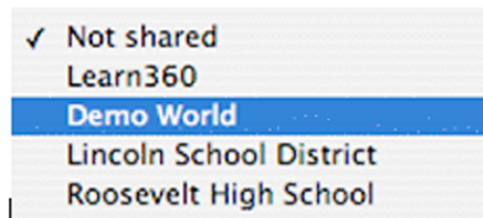
Sharing a Blog:

Once blog posts have been published, you can share your entire blog with your students, fellow teachers, your school, school district, and all Learn360 users. After blog posts have been published, they are available to all users you have chosen to share your blog with. This is a great way to share your comments on different subjects with other Learn360 users.

- Once a blog post has been successfully published, you will see it appear in your **My Blog** section.
- To share your blog (this will include all blog posts), click on **Share Blog**. This screen will appear:



- Click on the drop down arrow. This will give you a drop down menu for the available sharing options.



- This is an example of some options you may see. (Depending on how your Learn360 account is set up you may see more or less options.) Here you can choose to share with all of Learn360, Demo World, Lincoln School District, or Roosevelt High School. Since Roosevelt High School is part of Lincoln School District, if you choose Lincoln School District, schools within that district would also be able to access your shared blog.
- After you have selected the location where you would like to share your blog you will see **[Waiting for approval]** located in parenthesis. This means the blog is being approved by an administrator.

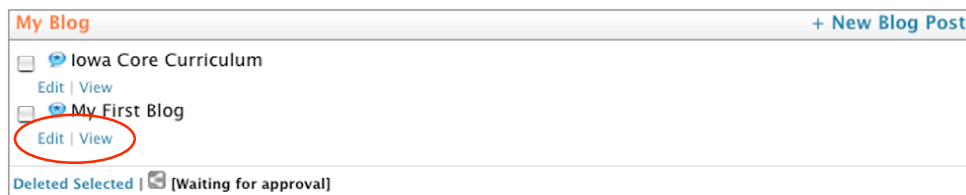


- Once the blog receives administrative approval it can be successfully shared.

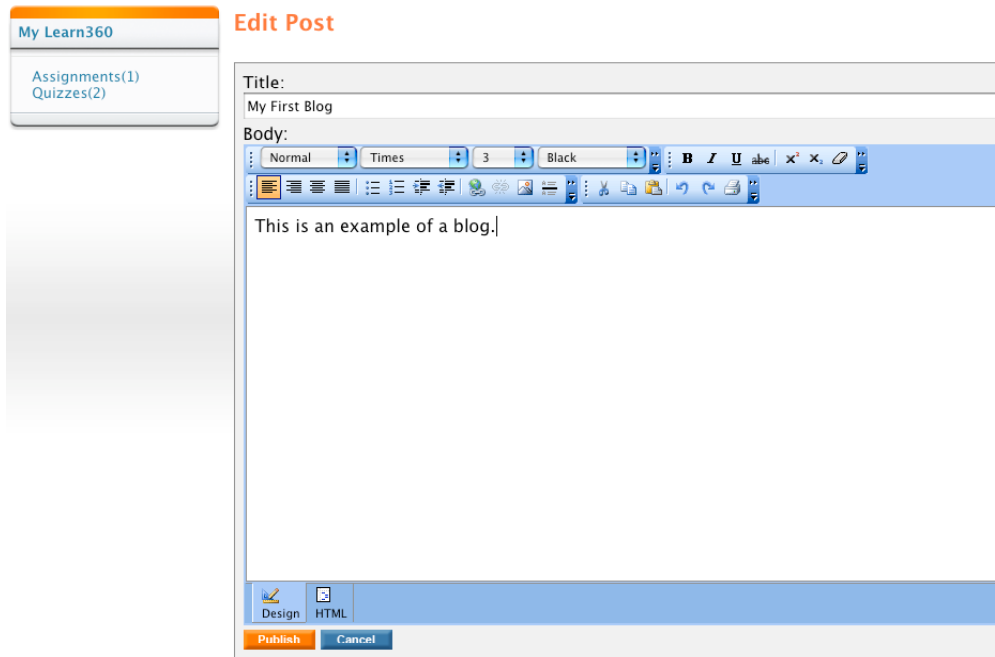
To Edit a Blog Post:

Having the option of editing a blog post is useful because it allows users to elaborate on the subject they have previously talked about.

- When in your **My Blog** section you will see the blogs that you have posted.
- Underneath each blog post you will see Edit and View.



- Click **Edit**. This will take you to the Edit Post page.



- From here you can edit your blog post in either HTML or Design format.
- Once you are finished editing your blog post, remember to click on the **Publish** button to save your changes.

Viewing a Blog:

Viewing a blog allows you to read the posted blog and make comments.

- Under your **My Blogs** section you will see your blog posts along with **My Favorite Blogs**.



- To view a blog, click **View** located below the title of the blog (above).
- This will bring you to a new screen where you can read the blog, and make comments on it (below).

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Bob Smiths's Blog

Title:**Dan's Blog**
Description:To be or not to be, That is the question.

Posted 6/22/2009 2:26:12 PM by Bob Smiths's Blog

Paragraph Font Size Color

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- Adding comments can be done in the same manner as creating a blog post.
- When you are done making comments, click the **Add Comments** button and your comments will be added to the blog.